

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Northern District of Texas

United States of America )  
v. )  
Nestor Alexander Cortez-Mejia )  
a/k/a Eric Cortez )  
Defendant(s) )

Case No. 2:25-MJ-11

U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
FILED  
JAN 27 2025  
CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
By *[Signature]* Deputy

## CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of January 27, 2025 in the county of Potter in the

Northern District of Texas, the defendant(s) violated:

*Code Section*  
8 U.S.C. Section 1326(a)

*Offense Description*  
Illegal Re-entry After Deportation

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attached affidavit

✓ Continued on the attached sheet.

*[Signature]*  
Complainant's signature

Eric Johnson, HSI SA  
Printed name and title

Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of FED. R. CRIM. P. 4.1 by telephone this 21<sup>st</sup> day of  
January 2025.

Date: 1/21/25

*[Signature]*  
Judge's signature

City and state: AMARILLO, TX

Lee Ann Reno, U.S. Magistrate Judge  
Printed name and title

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF COMPLAINT**  
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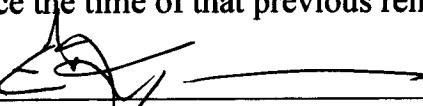
**Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326(a)**

As a result of my training and experience, I am familiar with federal immigration laws, including 8 U.S.C. § 1326(a), which makes it unlawful to illegally re-enter the United States after deportation or removal. There are four elements to this offense: (1) That the defendant was an alien at the time alleged in the indictment; (2) That the defendant had previously been deported, denied admission, excluded, or removed from the United States; (3) That thereafter the defendant knowingly entered, attempted to enter, or was found in the United States; and (4) That the defendant had not received the consent of the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security or the Attorney General of the United States to apply for readmission to the United States since the time of the defendant's previous deportation. An "alien" is any person who is not a citizen or national of the United States. 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(3).

**Facts Establishing Probable Cause**

On January 27, 2025, I, along with Deportations Officers with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), encountered Nestor Alexander CORTEZ-Mejia (AKA Eric Cortez), at 200 SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. in Amarillo, Texas, which is in the Amarillo Division of the Northern District of Texas. I queried immigration records and discovered that CORTEZ-Mejia is, and was on January 27, 2025, a citizen and national of El Salvador by virtue of his birth in Usulutan, El Salvador. Those records also showed that CORTEZ-Mejia had been removed from the United

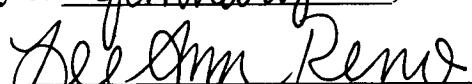
States on October 25, 2018, at the Port of Departure at Laredo, Texas. CORTEZ-Mejia's immigration records showed that he had not received the consent of the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security or the Attorney General of the United States to apply for readmission to the United States since the time of that previous removal.



Eric D Johnson  
Homeland Security Investigations  
Special Agent

Pursuant to Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 4.1 and 41(d)(3), the undersigned judicial officer has on this date considered the information communicated by reliable electronic means in considering whether a complaint, warrant, or summons will issue. In doing so, I have placed the affiant under oath, and the affiant has confirmed that the signatures on the complaint, warrant, or summons and affidavit are those of the affiant, that the document received by me is a correct and complete copy of the document submitted by the affiant, and that the information contained in the complaint, warrant, or summons and affidavit is true and correct to the best of the affiant's knowledge.

Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by telephone this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2025.



LEE ANN RENO  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE